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ANALYZING A CELLULAR SAMPLE SURFACE

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**THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
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The reference identified below was cited in an International (PCT) Search Report dated July 29, 2003, for the PCT application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. patent application. A copy of the Search Report, including an indication of the purported relevance of the cited reference, is enclosed. A copy of the reference is also submitted herewith.

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As this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of the International Search Report (i.e, July 29, 2003), no fee is required at this time. If, for any reason, a fee is found to be necessary, our Deposit Account No. 18-0580 may be charged therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

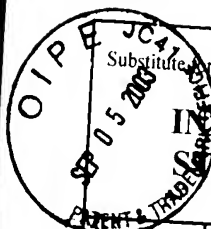
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